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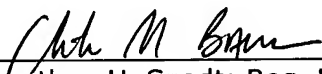
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Remarks/Arguments:

With this amendment, claims 1-8 and 11-18 are cancelled. Applicants are pursuing the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

Claims 9 and 10 are pending. The Office Action has indicated that claims 9 and 10 are allowed. Therefore, applicants request a notice of allowance as to claims 9 and 10.

Respectfully submitted,


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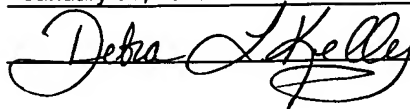
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